

## *Chesla Farms Disaster Plan*

Chesla Farms Disaster Plan to optimize survival of all animals. To allow us to ensure the safety of our horses and yourself. Please do not drive out in a disaster unless you are called. We must keep our Facility Safe and the Horses come first. You will be notified as soon as possible. If you are at the facility you need to follow the instructions laid out in this plan. Do not run out to get your horse go to our Muster Station. This would be our House all directions and information will be disbursed from this locations.

### **Before the Storm**

Vaccinations: All horses should have a tetanus vaccine within the last year. Due to the increase in mosquitoes after massive rainfall, all horses should receive West Nile virus and vaccinations at the beginning of hurricane season.

Coggins Test: A negative Coggins test is necessary if the horse needs to be evacuated to a community shelter or cross the state line.

Health certificate: A health certificate is required to cross the state line. This may be necessary for evacuation of coastal areas.

Identification: Each horse should be identified with at least one, if not all, of the following: A leather halter with name/farm information in a zip lock bag secured to the halter with duct tape.

A luggage tag with the horse/farm name and phone number braided into the Tail (Make sure this is waterproof).

Photos of each horse as proof of ownership highlighting obvious identifying marks.

Evacuation of flood area's is recommended. Evacuation must occur 48 hours before hurricane-force winds occur in the area. [Transportation](#) of horses when wind gusts exceed 40 mph is dangerous. .

We do not move horses out of our Pastures as research shows. "Posted in the AQHA Survive or Preparation for Disaster. Should horses be left in the pasture or placed in the barn? "

If the pasture has good [fencing](#) and limited trees, it is probably best to leave the horses outside. Well-constructed pole barns or concrete-block barns may provide safety from flying debris, but the horses may become trapped if wind collapses the building.

### Pasture

Electrical lines: Keep horses out of pastures with power lines.

Trees with shallow roots will fall easily under hurricane-force winds and can injure the horse or destroy the fencing.

Fencing: Do not keep horses in barbed wire or electric Paddock fencing during a storm.

Wild Animals will search for high ground during flooding. Carefully look over the premises and feed for these potential dangers.

## **Water**

Each horse should have 12 to 20 gallons per day stored.

Fill garbage cans with plastic liners and fill all water troughs.

Have a generator to run the well if you have large numbers of horses.

Keep chlorine bleach on hand to add to contaminated water, if necessary. To purify water, add two drops of chlorine bleach per quart of water and let stand for 30 minutes.

## **Feed storage**

Store a minimum of 72 hours of feed and Water(seven days is best). It is very possible that roads will be closed because of downed power lines and trees, limiting access to feed stores. Cover hay with waterproof [Tarps](#) and place it on pallets. Keep grain in water-tight containers.

Secure all movable objects.

Remove all items from hallways.

Jumps and lawn furniture should be secured in a safe place.

Place large vehicles, tractors and trailers in an open field where trees cannot fall on them.

Turn off electrical power to barn.

Emergency [First Aid Kts](#)

Bandages ([Leg wraps](#) and quilts)

Antiseptics

Scissors/knife

Topical antibiotic ointments

Tranquilizers

Pain relievers ( phenylbutazoneor Banamine)

Flashlight and extra batteries

Extra halters and lead ropes

Clean towels

[Fly Spray](#)

Emergency Tools

Chain saw and fuel

Hammer and nails

Fence repair materials

Wire cutters, tool box, pry bar

Fire extinguisher

Duct tape

## **After the Storm**

Carefully inspect each horse for injury to eyes and limbs.

Walk the Pasture to remove debris.

Inspect the property for downed power lines.

Take pictures of storm damage.

If your horse is missing, contact the local animal control or disaster response team. Call all Boarders with information and status